Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Summary of Input from North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities

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Outreach Efforts

 Letter by U.S. mail and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) Tribal Work Group listserv inviting

tribes and tribal communities to meet with MLPA Initiative and California Department of Fish and Game staff

- Sent to 51 contacts/31 tribes and tribal communities in north coast study region
- Met with individuals and tribal councils of 18 tribes and tribal communities
- Meeting objectives:
 - Discuss Round 2 draft marine protected area (MPA) proposals and draft recommended special closures
 - Identify where proposed MPAs and special closures overlap with geographic areas where traditional, non-commercial tribal gathering activities occur
 - Discuss proposed allowed uses in Round 2 MPAs, including species and methods of take

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Confidentiality

- Letter of invitation and data sheet included statements describing confidentiality
- To protect confidentiality, input from tribes and tribal communities regarding MLPA Initiative, Round 2 draft MPA proposals, proposed allowed uses, and special closures is aggregated
- Aggregated input is not linked to any specific individual, or council of any tribe or tribal community
- Not all tribes and tribal communities that engaged in meetings contributed input



Input from Tribes/Tribal Communities

- Input summarized into four documents:
 - Proposed uses within Round 2 draft MPA proposals
 - 2. Comments on proposed special closures
 - 3. List of species gathered by north coast tribes and tribal communities, from regional profile appendix and input from tribes and tribal communities
 - 4. Summary of comments on MLPA Initiative North Coast Project



Levels of Protection

Number and percent of species identified on the data sheet for which levels of protection already have been assigned by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Level of Protection	Number of Species	Percent
High	2	3%
Moderate-high	3	4%
Moderate	7	10%
Moderate-low	9	13%
Low	6	9%
Not assigned	42	61%
Total	69	100%